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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| RAM | AA | 5,023,150 | 06/11/91 | Takabayashi | 429 | 22 | |
| | AB | 5,156,928 | 10/20/92 | Takabayashi | 429 | 23 | |
| | AC | 5,175,676 | 12/29/92 | Kikuchi | 363 | 58 | |
| | AD | 5,410,441 | 04/25/95 | Allman | 361 | 18 | |
| | AE | 5,713,426 | 02/03/98 | Okamura | 180 | 65.3 | |
| | AF | 6,025,083 | 02/15/00 | Veyo et al. | 429 | 13 | |
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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